

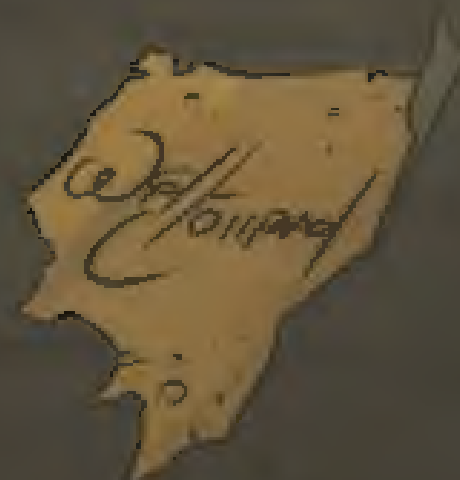


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SEARCHING FOR RELEVANT MEMORY DATA...



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Master Templar **Juhani Otso Berg** faces a dilemma...

Loyal to the Order, but sensing growing dissent from within, the former special-ops tactician has recently adopted the mantle of **The Black Cross** in order to effectively root out treachery from the shadows.

Utilizing Abstergo's immense resources (and a certain genetic profile), Berg has begun to search

the past exploits of the **Assassin Brotherhood** for alternative methods of implementing the Templar doctrine.

Beginning with the legendary Assassin **Ezio Auditore da Firenze**, whose adventures revealed much of the Brotherhood's stance on loyalty, Berg now sets his eye on the **Ibn-La'Ahad** dynasty, his search leading him to the dusty plains of Western China and the rise of the Mongol Empire.



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I PREFER TO WORK ALONE. MY PROFESSION IS A SOLITARY ONE. IT REQUIRES FOCUS AND DETERMINATION.

IT IS MY PERSONAL BELIEF THAT COLLABORATION CAN INVITE UNSEEN AND CHAOTIC VARIABLES. THIS HAS MADE ME SOMETHING OF AN OUTLIER AMONGST MY ORDER.

NEVERTHELESS, I ALWAYS THOUGHT THE ASSASSINS WERE A BAND OF DISORGANIZED INDIVIDUALS. SOLITARY AND SELF CONTAINED, RELIANT UPON NONE BUT THEMSELVES.

AN INEFFICIENT PRACTICE, ONE THAT IS HARD TO FIGHT AND NEAR IMPOSSIBLE TO ROOT OUT.

DARIM IBN-LA'AHAD

YET THERE ARE ALWAYS EXCEPTIONS, WHEN THE WHOLE IS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS.

PROFILE ACCESSED

XIA PROVINCE,
CHINA,
1227.

Accessing genetic
memory database:

Subject: Darim Ibn-La'Ahad:
Final data reconstruction
Est. accuracy 94.7%



AND WHEN THOSE INDIVIDUAL
STRENGTHS AND SKILLS
ARE COMBINED, THEY CAN
TOPPLE EMPIRES.



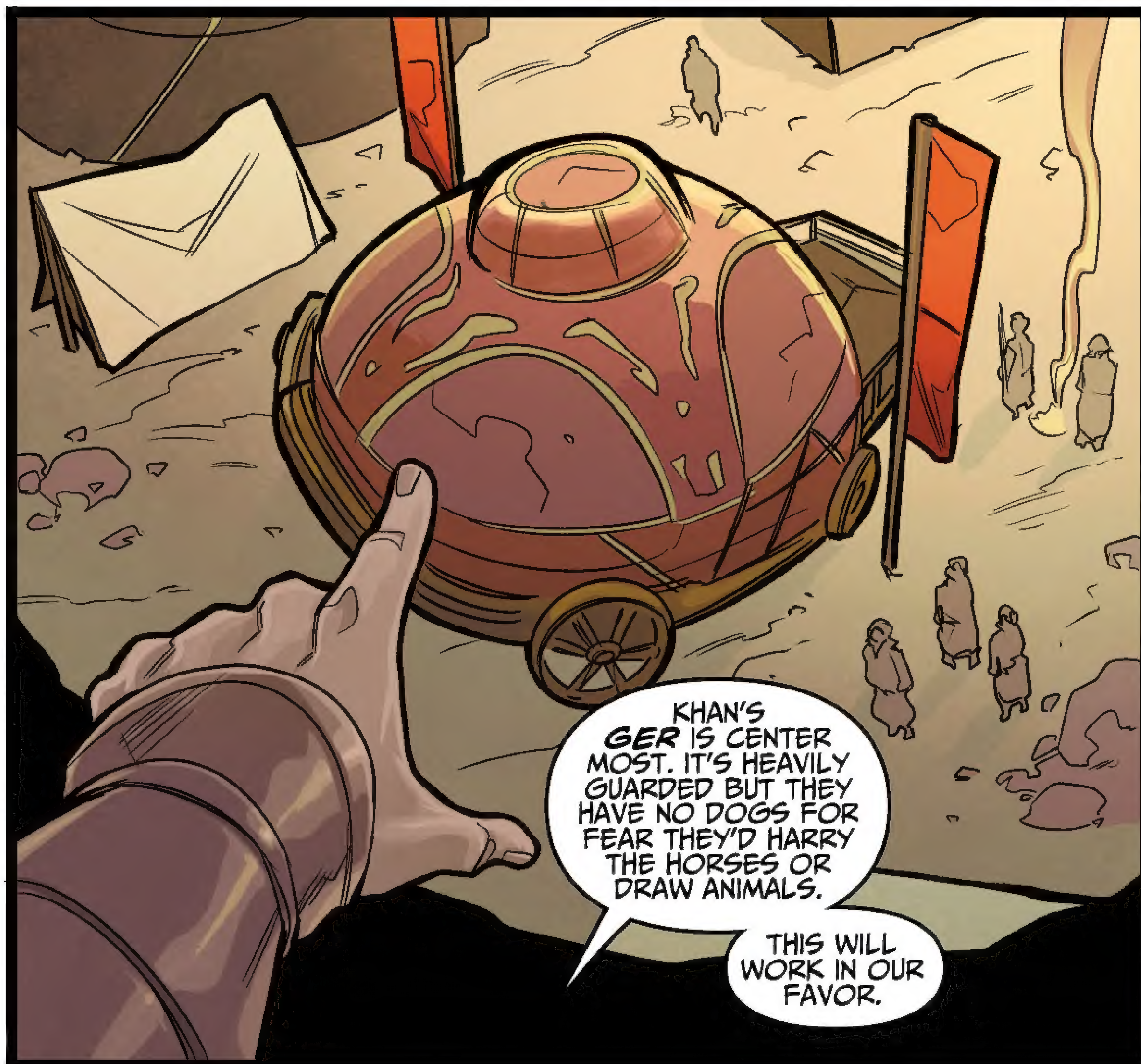




GENGHIS KHAN WAGES WAR UPON THESE LANDS. HE IS RUTHLESS AND MANY INNOCENTS LIE SLAUGHTERED IN HIS WAKE.

HIS CAMP IS VAST AND HIS MEN NUMBER IN THE HIGH THOUSANDS.

KILLING HIM WILL NOT BE AN EASY TASK.



KHAN'S GER IS CENTER MOST. IT'S HEAVILY GUARDED BUT THEY HAVE NO DOGS FOR FEAR THEY'D HARRY THE HORSES OR DRAW ANIMALS.

THIS WILL WORK IN OUR FAVOR.



I'VE TIMED THE GUARD'S PATROLS SO WE CAN WORK AROUND THEM.

I'LL DEAL WITH ANY STRAYS.

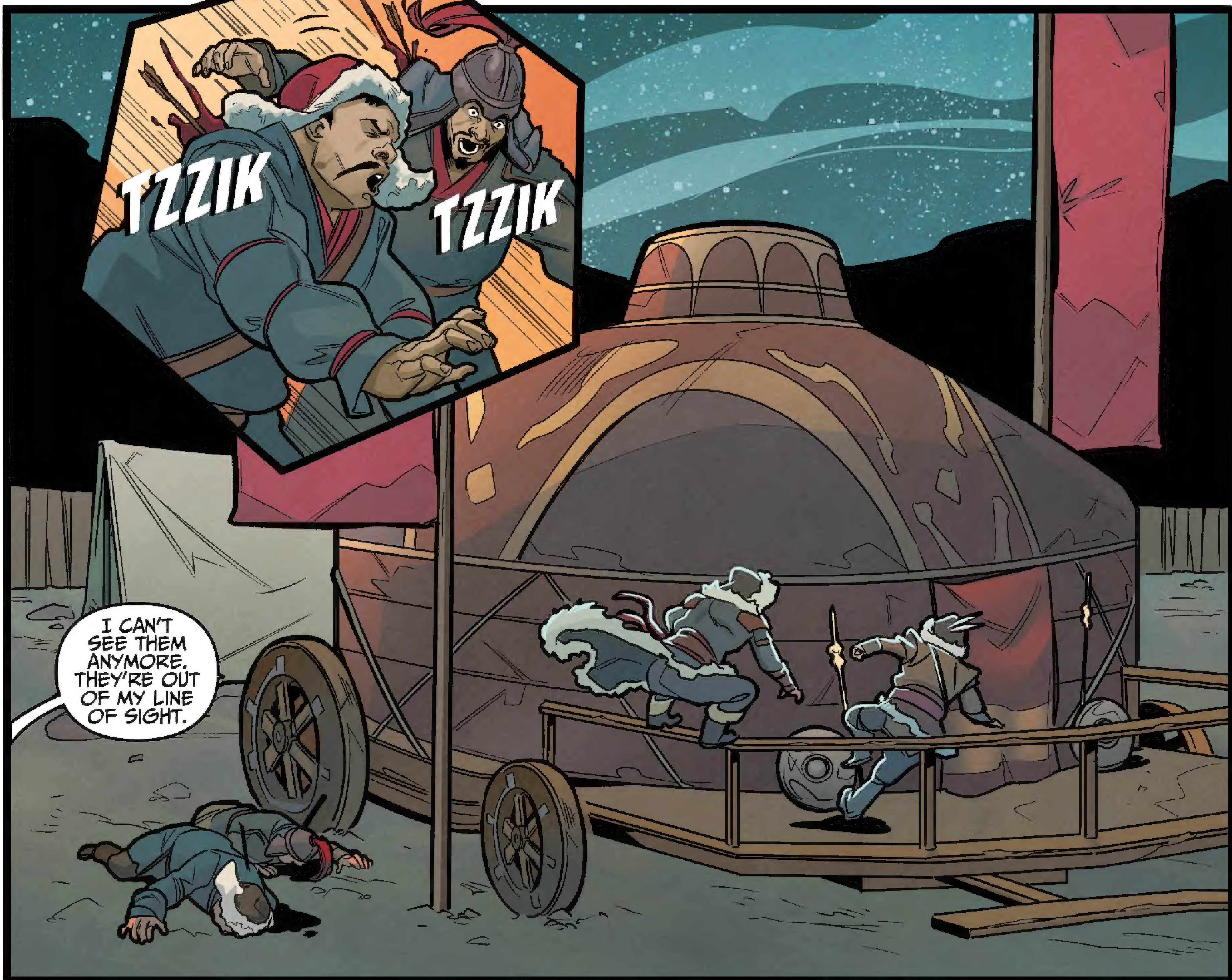


WE BOTH WILL.

THEN GET SOME REST. WE MOVE AT NIGHTFALL.







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Subject: Altaïr Ibn-La'Ahad
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AH, MY
BEAUTIFUL
BLADE. YOU
WILL WIN
ME THE
WORLD.









BY THE BLUE SKY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I KNEW YOU INTENDED TO KILL THE KHAN. HIS CAMPAIGN HAS COST ME *EVERYTHING*. I WANTED TO SCOUT OUT HIS CAMP FOR YOU. I WANTED TO *HELP*.



IT WAS A RECKLESS THING TO DO. YOU COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED OR WORSE.

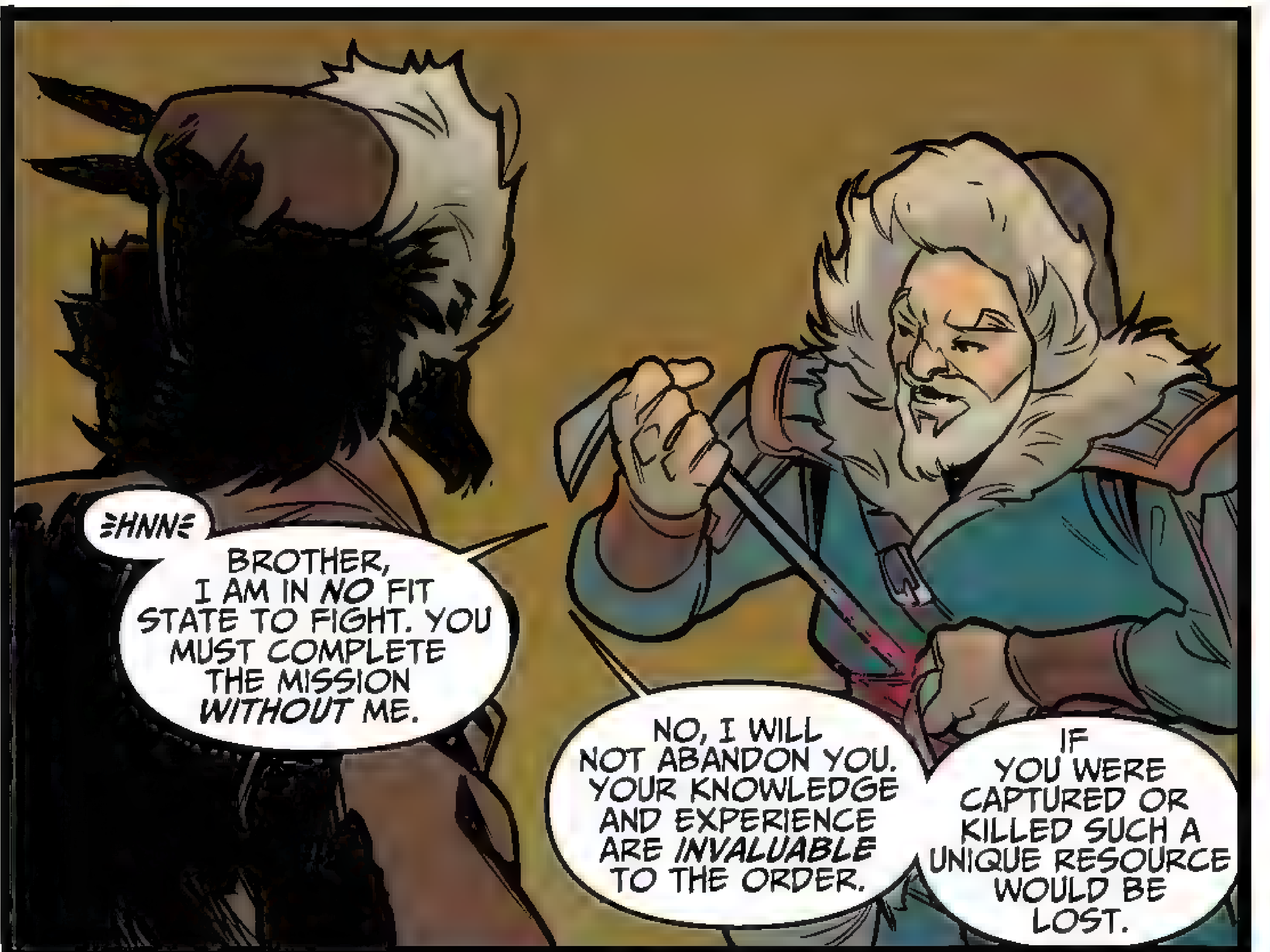
WORSE THAN THIS?

YES! YOUR WOUNDS WILL HEAL. YOUR SKILLS WILL ADAPT. BUT SHOULD OUR BROTHERHOOD FALL TO TEMUJIN'S GRASP THEN ALL IS LOST.



YOU ARE ALSO BRAVE AND HONORABLE AND IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU.

NOT LEAST FOR TAKING DOWN THAT GUARD.

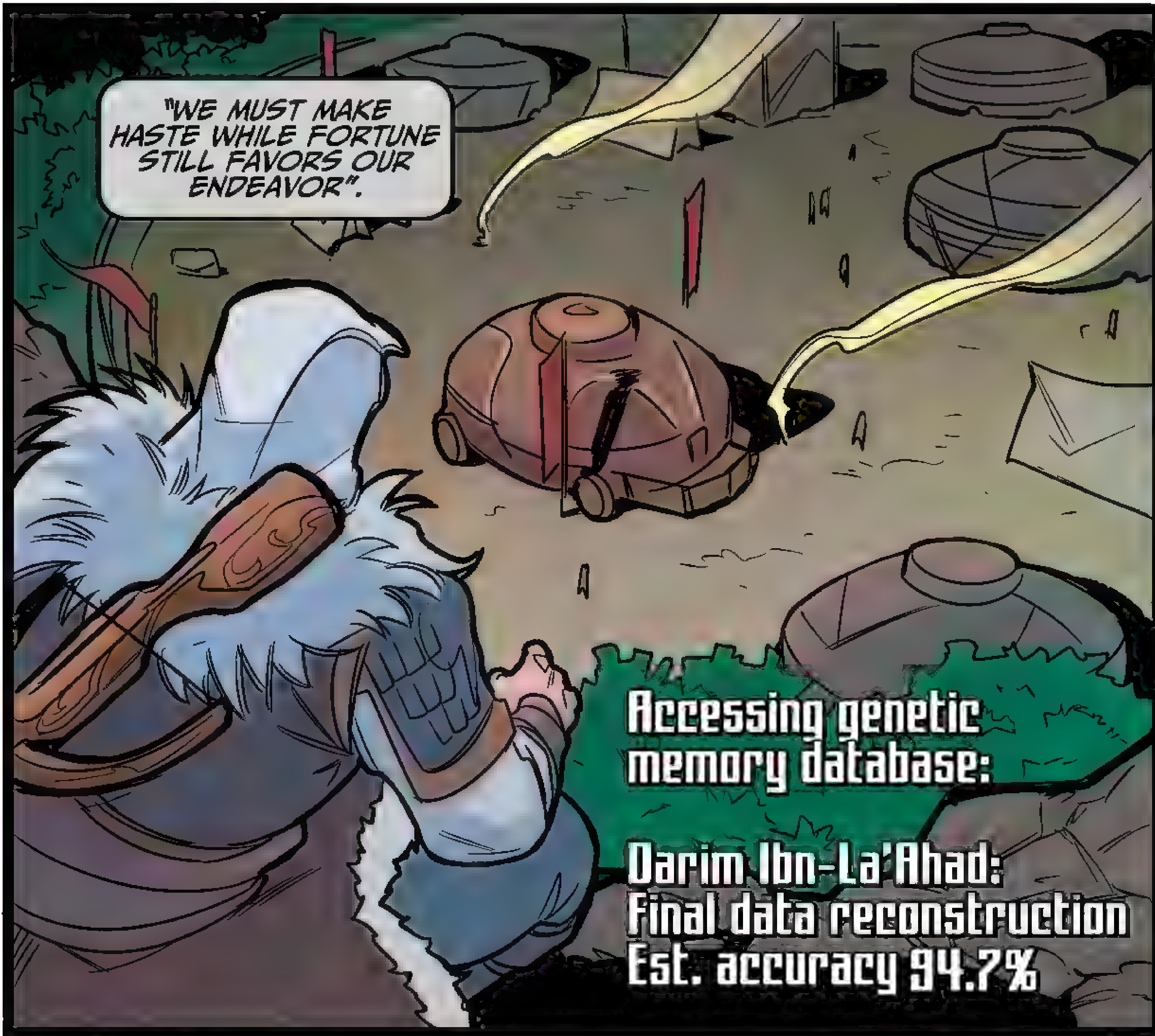
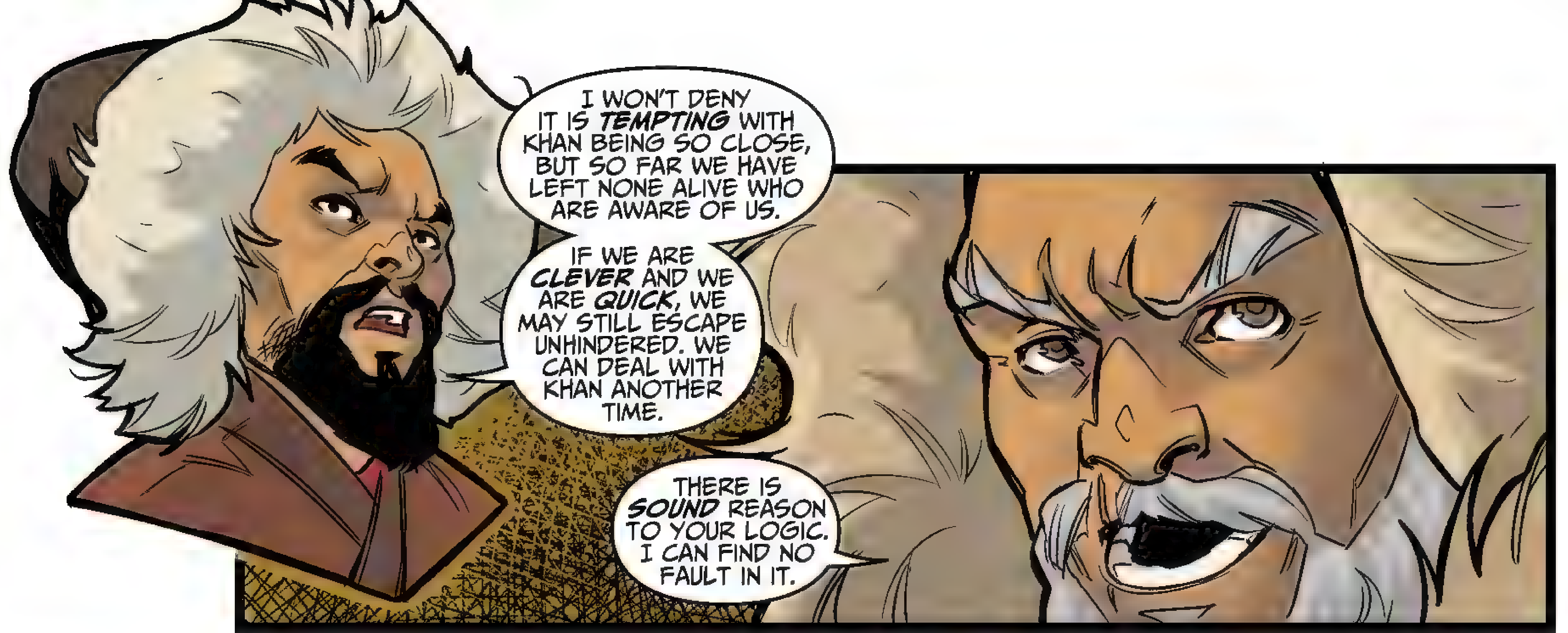


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BROTHER, I AM IN NO FIT STATE TO FIGHT. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE MISSION WITHOUT ME.

NO, I WILL NOT ABANDON YOU. YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE ARE *INVALUABLE* TO THE ORDER.

IF YOU WERE CAPTURED OR KILLED SUCH A UNIQUE RESOURCE WOULD BE LOST.





ARE YOU HURT? HOW DO YOU FEEL?

STUPID!
IT APPEARS AGE HAS FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO MY STRENGTH. I MAY HAVE **WASTED** OUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY AND **WEAKENED** OUR POSITION GREATLY.

THE KHAN INDEED HOLDS THE SWORD OF EDEN, BUT I WAS **CARELESS** AND ALERTED THE GUARDS.



BUT WE ESCAPED **UNNOTICED** AND BY FORTUNE'S FAVOR, RESCUED NERGÜI. THAT IS NO **SMALL** BLESSING.

WE WILL FIND **ANOTHER** WAY TO BRING DOWN THE KHAN.

I AM NOT AFRAID TO FIGHT... OR **DIE** FOR A JUST CAUSE, BUT TO GO IN AGAIN, AND AGAINST **SUCH ODDS**, WOULD BE TEMPTING FATE.



WE DON'T HAVE TO GO BACK IN, JUST FIND A WAY TO **FLUSH** HIM OUT.

A MOMENT OF CONFUSION! AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRIKE DOWN THE KHAN. BUT STILL, WE ARE **FOUR** AGAINST AN ARMY.

WE **HAVE** AN ARMY OF OUR OWN.

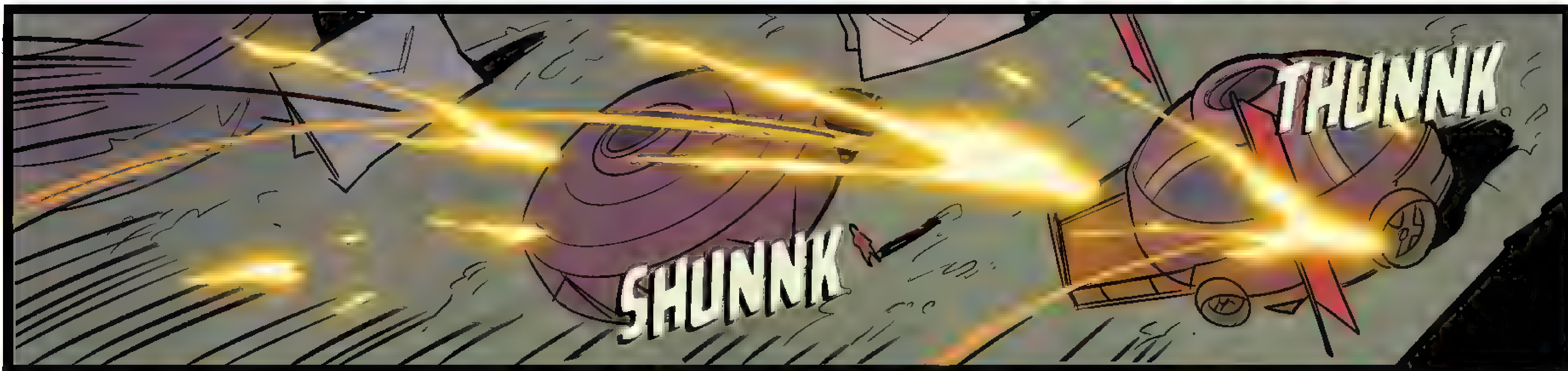
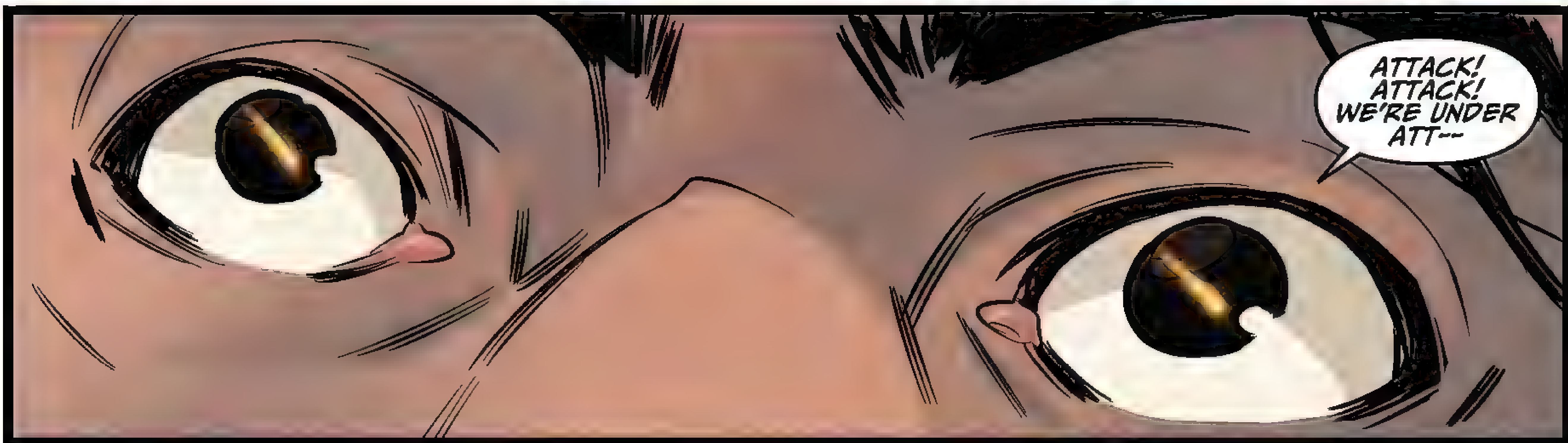
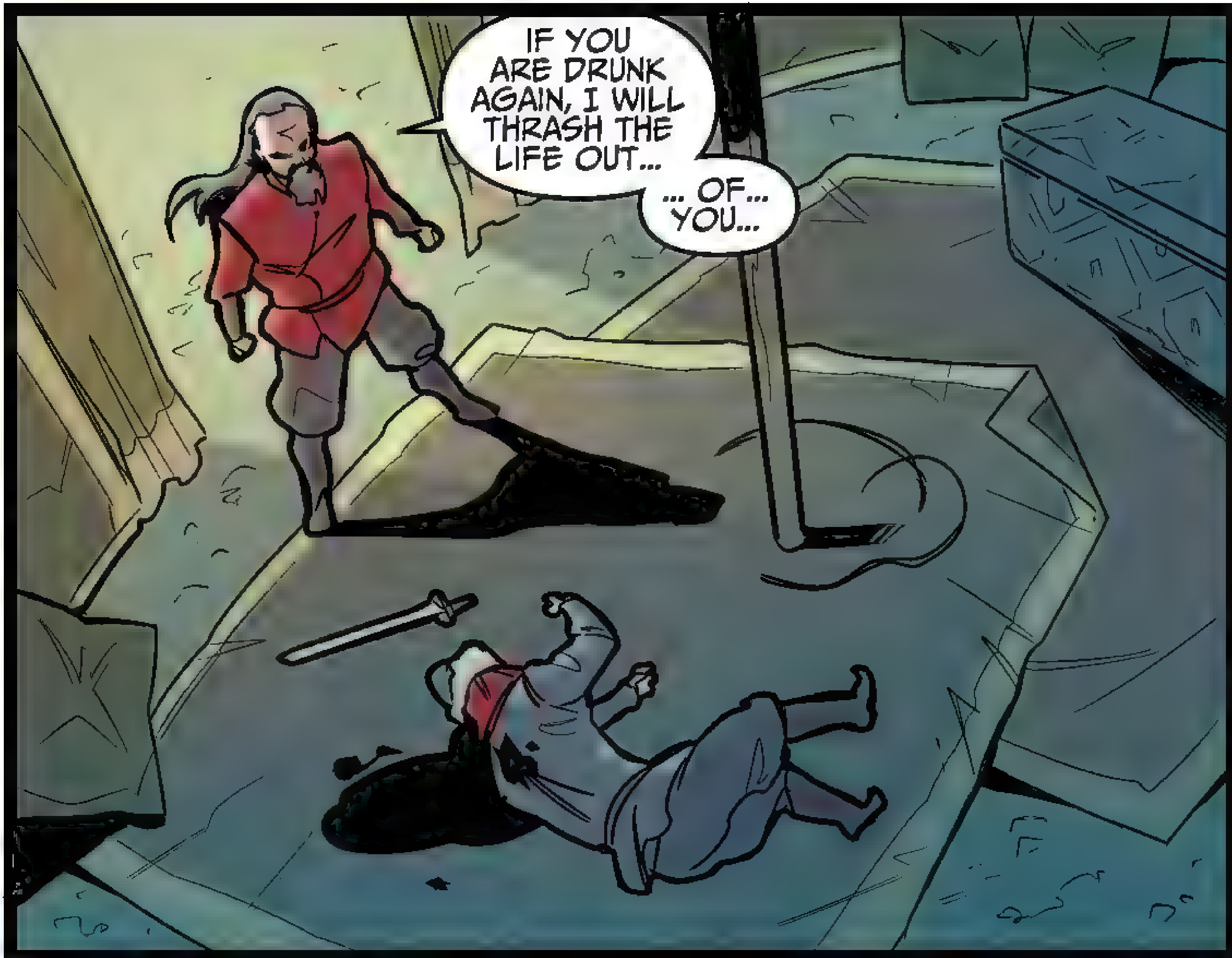


"AND IT IS RIGHT UNDER THE NOSES OF THE ENEMY!"

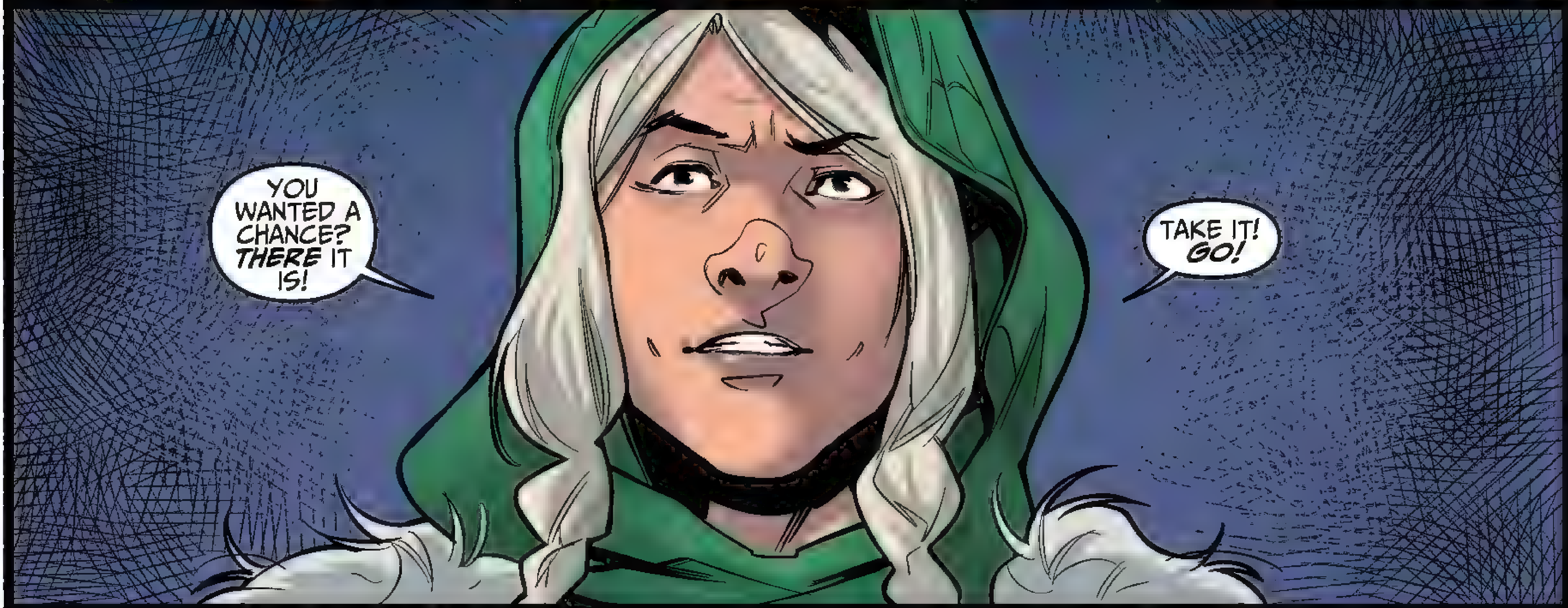
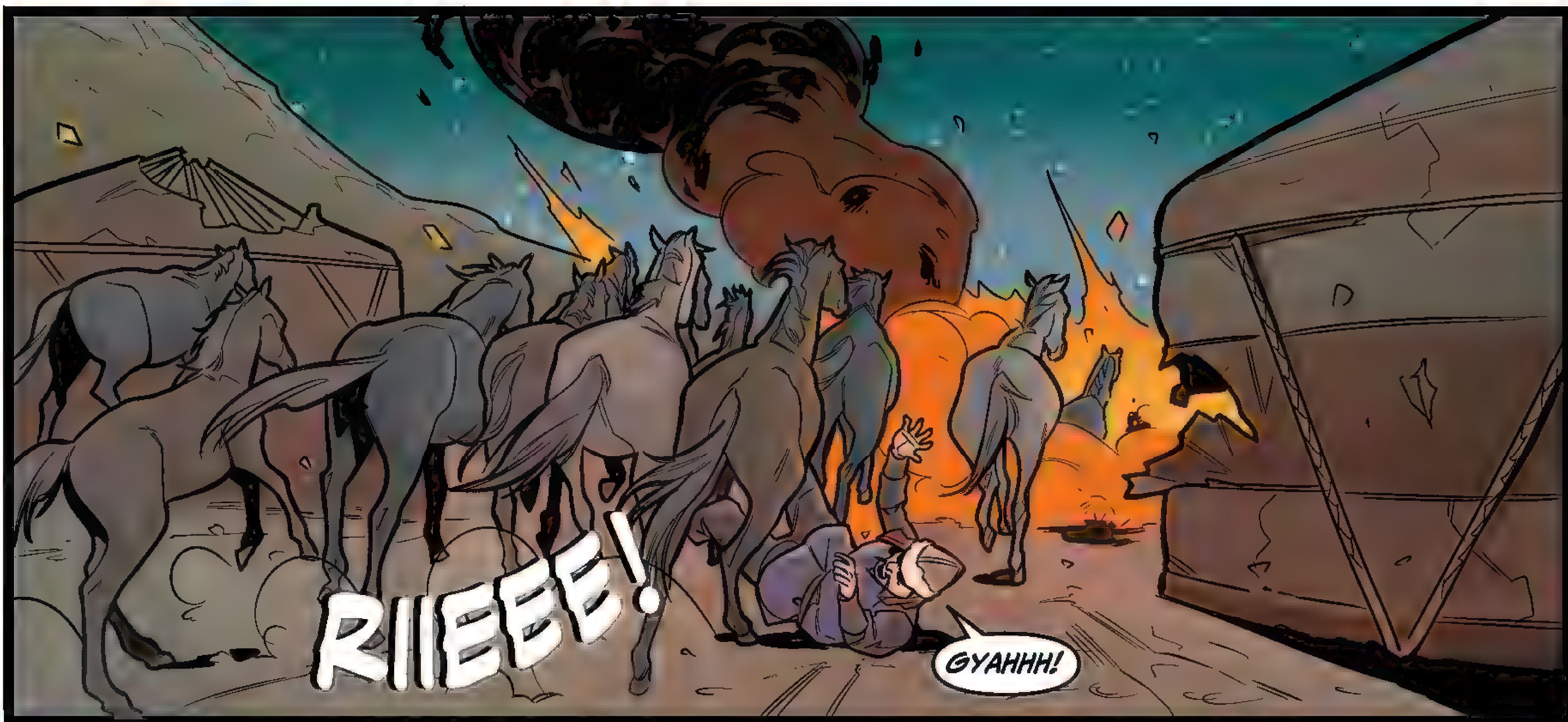
KHENBISH! MUUNOKHO! ATTEND ME!



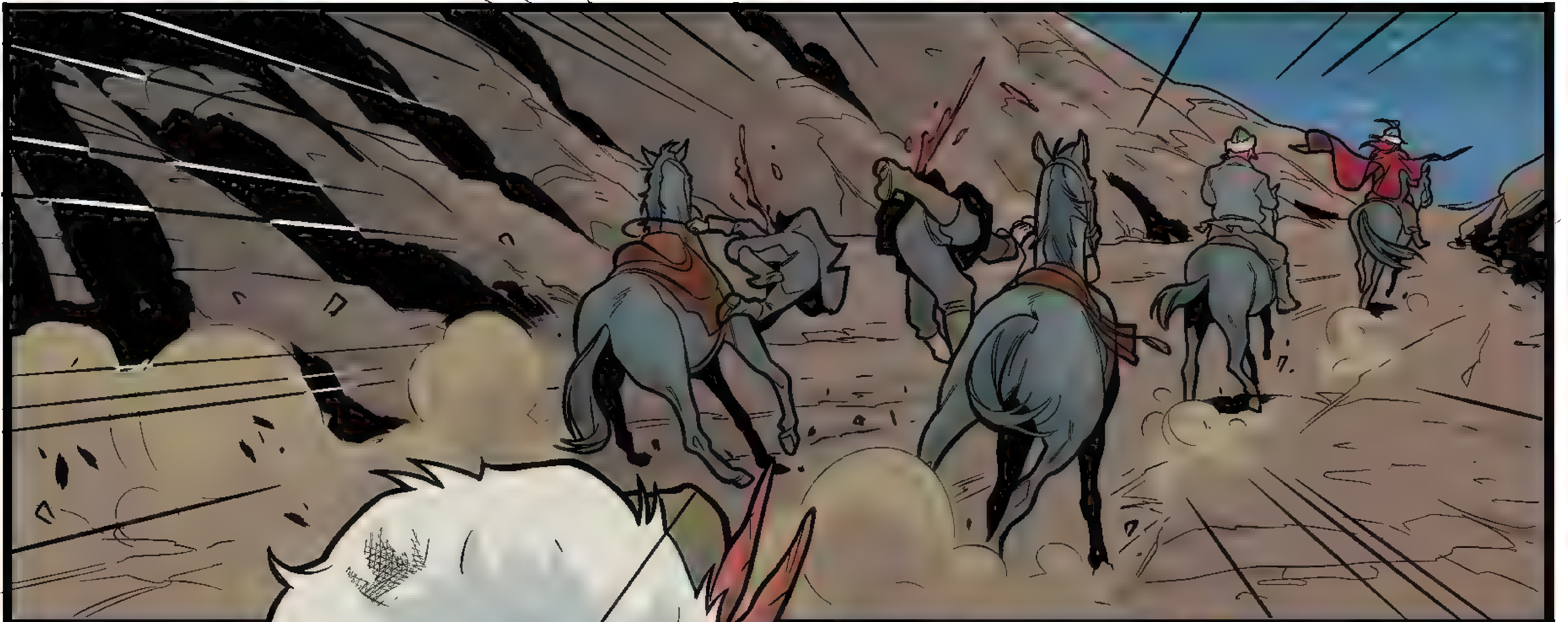
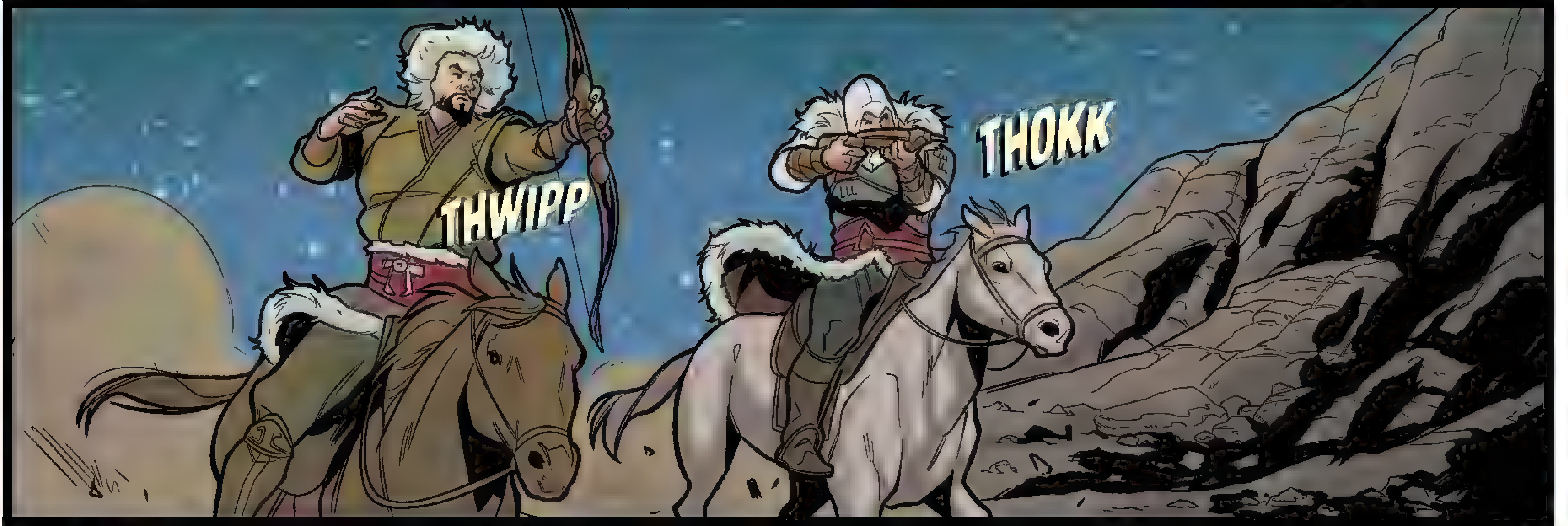
THERE HAD BEST BE GOOD REASON WHY YOU DO NOT HEED MY CALL!















UHH...
HHGH...



YOUR TIME
IS AT AN END,
TEMUJIN.

HNN... THAT
NAME NO LONGER
HAS MEANING. I AM
AND SHALL FOREVER
REMAIN **GENGHIS**
KHAN.

YOU HAVE
MADE THE WORST
ENEMY POSSIBLE,
ASSASSIN. YOU KNOW
NOT WHAT **PLAGUE** YOU
HAVE BROUGHT DOWN
UPON YOUR KIND!



YOUR ARROWS
MAY PUNCTURE MY
FLESH BUT I WILL RISE
ANEW. MY NAME...
MY **LEGACY** ARE
IMMORTAL.

I WILL BE
REINCARNATED IN
THE BLOOD OF MY
DESCENDANTS.



THEN THEY
SHALL SUFFER
THE SAME
FATE.







ASSASSINS MAY WELL DRAW STRENGTH FROM RELYING ON EACH OTHER, BUT IT ALSO GIVES THEIR ENEMIES A LARGER TARGET TO HIT.



LOVE MAKES YOU VULNERABLE.



AS ALTAIR HIMSELF DECLARED: "WE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO LOVE OUR CHILDREN AND IN TURN, BE LOVED".

HIS MENTOR BELIEVED SUCH ATTACHMENTS WOULD WEAKEN US. BUT IF WE TRULY FIGHT FOR WHAT IS JUST, DOES LOVE NOT MAKE SUCH SACRIFICE SIMPLER? KNOWING WE DO SO FOR THEIR GAIN?

A LAUDABLE SENTIMENT, BUT THIS STRENGTH IS ALSO THEIR WEAKNESS. IT MEANS EVERYONE IS A COMBATANT. THERE ARE NO INNOCENTS.



BENEATH ALL THE ARTIFICE AND HAND-WRINGING, THIS WORLD IS A STAMPEDE, NOTHING MORE...

TO BE CONTINUED...



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SECRETS OF THE PAST

Historical consultant Megan Reid proved invaluable in helping us achieve an accurate representation of the Mongol Empire

The miniature paintings adorning many Middle Eastern chronicles give us substantial information about the military culture and social practices of the Mongols: their tents, flags, weapons and armour, their battle tactics and court protocols, their dress and even their hairstyles.

For instance, Nergui's shaved head, small forelock and braids

are entirely typical of what was in fashion for Mongol soldiers. Also, the Mongols who conquered much of the Middle East converted to Islam within a few generations after destroying Baghdad and many other places with stupendous cruelty; they became great patrons of the arts.

What was particularly intriguing in this issue were the circumstances of the assassination of the

accident, murder of a captive woman, battlefield injury etc. So the scenario here is as plausible as any!

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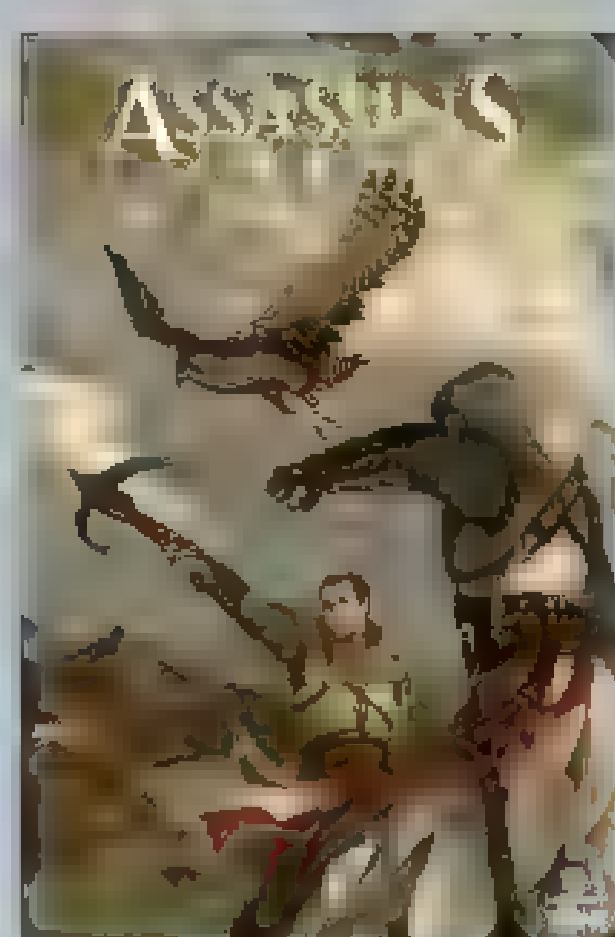
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